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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kiyotaka ISHINO et al.

Serial No.: 09/423,523

Examiner: R. Sergent

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Group Art Unit: 1711

For: **FILM FOR ACCELERATED COMPOST FERMENTATION**

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 4 to read as follows:

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4. (Twice Amended) A method of composting comprising providing a heap  
of compostable matter and covering the heap with a film comprising a polyether polyamide  
block copolymer, said film having a water vapor permeability thereof at least 300 g/m<sup>2</sup>·24h,  
an oxygen permeability at least 1,000 cm<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>·24h·atm and a carbon dioxide permeability at  
least 10,000 cm<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>·24h·atm.

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